

## CLAIMS

The following is claimed:

1. A stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers, which includes:  
an array of fingerboard position markers, said array of fingerboard position markers comprising a component part of a fingerboard, said fingerboard comprising a component part of a stringed instrument;  
each position marker of said array is positioned in a one-to-one correspondence with a string of the stringed instrument; and  
at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers includes a variation in a user discernable characteristic.
2. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 1, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.
3. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 1, wherein each position marker of said array of position markers is in a one-to-one correspondence to each note of a plurality of notes.
4. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 3, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.

5. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 1, wherein each position marker of said array of position markers is proximate to a specific note of a group of notes on the stringed instrument fingerboard, the group of notes consisting of any individual major scale.

6. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 5, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.

7. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 1, wherein each position marker of said array of position markers is proximate to a specific note of a group of notes on the stringed instrument fingerboard, the group of notes consisting of any individual major pentatonic scale.

8. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 7, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.

9. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 1, wherein each position marker of said array of position markers is proximate to a specific note of a group of notes on the stringed instrument fingerboard, the group of notes consisting of C#/Db, D#/Eb, F#/Gb, G#/Ab, and A#/Bb.

10. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 9, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.

11. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 9, wherein:  
the position markers include a first group of two notes, the first group of two notes consisting of C#/Db and D#/Eb;  
the position markers include a second group of three notes, the second group of three notes consisting of F#/Gb, G#/Ab, and A#/Bb; and  
the first group of position markers distinguishable from the second group of position markers.
12. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 11; wherein the position marker for a G#/Ab note is distinguishable from the position marker for a F#/Gb note, and the position marker for the G#/Ab note is distinguishable from the position marker for an A#/Bb note.
13. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 9, wherein:  
the position marker for each C#/Db note is a first user discernable characteristic;  
the position marker for each D#/Eb note is the first user discernable characteristic;  
the position marker for each F#/Gb note is a second user discernable characteristic;  
the position marker for each G#/Ab note is a third user discernable characteristic; and  
the position marker for each A#/Bb note is the second user discernable characteristic.
14. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 13, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.

15. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 1, wherein each position marker of said array of position markers is proximate to a specific note of a group of notes on the stringed instrument fingerboard, the group of notes consisting of B, E, A, D, and G.

16. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 15, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.

17. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 15, wherein:

the position marker for each note B is a first user discernable characteristic;

the position marker for each note E is a second user discernable characteristic;

the position marker for each note A is a third user discernable characteristic;

the position marker for each note D is a fourth user discernable characteristic; and

the position marker for each note G is a fifth user discernable characteristic.

18. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 17, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.

19. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 1, wherein each position marker of said array of position markers is proximate to a specific note of a group of notes on the stringed instrument fingerboard, the group of notes consisting of C, D, E, F, G, A, and B.

20. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 19, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave:

21. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 19, wherein:

the position marker for each note C is a first user discernable characteristic;

the position marker for each note D is a second user discernable characteristic;

the position marker for each note E is a third user discernable characteristic;

the position marker for each note F is the third user discernable characteristic;

the position marker for each note G is a fourth user discernable characteristic;

the position marker for each note A is a fifth user discernable characteristic; and

the position marker for each note B is the first user discernable characteristic.

22. The stringed instrument fingerboard with position markers of claim 21, wherein at least one of the position markers of said array of position markers distinguishes at least an octave.